

## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

**A SPECIAL** car will leave the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway Station, at Laurel and Broad Streets, this evening at 8 o'clock, carrying guests from Richmond who will go out to attend the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Hammond and Simon Oliver Cox, of Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Thomas Henry Johnson will perform the ceremony, which is to take place at 8:30 o'clock, in the chapel of the Union Theological Seminary.

Perry Pemberton is to be Mr. Cox's best man, and the bride's sister, Mrs. Hugh Greenway Russell, will attend her as matron of honor. Mrs. Russell will wear a shell pink dress of gown of moccasin, lace-trimmed, and will carry a bouquet of Killarney roses caught with a cream-colored lace scarf.

Miss Hammond's wedding gown is to be of white satin, hand-embroidered, and will be adorned with pearls, in Empire style, with train.

Liter tulle veil will be caught with orange blossoms, and she will carry an old-fashioned nosegay of gardenias and lilacs of the valley, tied with a lace scarf.

After the ceremony there will be a small reception at the Hammond home.

The bride and groom will spend their honeymoon in the South, visiting Atlanta, Birmingham, and other points.

**Musical Last Night.**

The musical season, a most successful one in the annals of the Woman's Club, closed last night with a brilliant musical in the auditorium of the Jefferson, under the graceful chairmanship of Mrs. E. A. Hoen, and the excellent program was most enthusiastically received by the large audience, including members of the club and their friends.

The Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra, ably conducted by Sheppard Webb, was heard to splendid advantage in Weber's "Der Freischütz," the overture, and in the selections from Verdi, and, including members of the club and their friends.

Mrs. Walter Mercer, soprano, was gracefully accompanied by Miss Mary Shelton, as pianist, and sang her numbers with admirable expression and color.

Miss Maria Keck showed her wonderful talent as a violinist in playing with orchestral accompaniment, and her numbers were greatly enjoyed.

Norman Call's fine baritone voice, which is always a favorite with Richmond people, had splendid range in Handel's aria, "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave," and delighted his audience.

Indeed the whole program was most happily chosen, and the numbers were heartily applauded.

**Concert and Drama.**

The young ladies of Westminster School will present a most delightful program in the reception rooms of the Union Theological Seminary, corner of Park Avenue and Harrison Street, this evening at 8:15 o'clock.

The program will be in two parts. The first three numbers, "Who is Sylvia?" by Franz Schubert, a "Serenade" and "A Birthday" by Keats, will be rendered by Miss Charlotte Wheeler. Miss Jessie Reid will give a dramatic reading of Tennyson's "May Queen." Miss Katherine Hart's two numbers will include "Duncan's Daughter" by Francis Allington, and "Before the King" by M. W. Dunlop. The most admirable "character sketch" to be given in monologue, will be followed by "The Temple Bells" from "Indian Love Lyrics," and a second song, with Miss Lindsey Powers as vocalist.

Part second of the program will include a classic drama, "In the Valley of Sleep." The cast will include: Miss Jessie Alice Reid as dreamer; Miss Marion Lecky and Elizabeth Buchanan as dream fairies; Miss Idelle Bratton as Tania; Miss Virginia Miller as St. Cecilia; Miss Sarah Harrison as Helen of Troy; Miss Lillian Cook as Cleopatra; Miss Edna White as Joan of Arc; Miss Ellen Hunter as Nydia; Miss Margaret Nottingham as Pocahontas; Miss Kate Williams as Priscilla; Misses Bratton, Gillman and Barker as Colonial ladies; Miss Elizabeth Brockenhough as dear heart; Miss Mary Ann as American Girl; Misses Helen Downton and Louise Kellogg as Charmion and Iris, Cleopatra's attendants.

**To Wed To-Day.**

Benjamin L. Winn, of Keyville, and Miss Susan Overby, of Blackstone, will be married in Washington, D. C., to-day.

The contracting parties will be accompanied to the national capital by the father of the prospective groom, Hon. W. C. Winn, of Lunenburg, who is now in the city.

Mr. Winn is a prominent business man of Keyville, and his prospective bride is a niece of Hon. Thomas A. Overby, a former member of the Virginia Legislature, with whom she has long since resided, her parents having died when she was quite a child. Miss Overby is accomplished in art, literature and music, and is popular among a wide circle of friends. After their honeymoon, which will be spent in the North and East, Mr. and Mrs.

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The tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for run-down conditions of the health is based on sound medical principles and on common sense. More and more men and women are beginning to realize that pure, red blood means health, and that the energy and vigor of the body are entirely dependent upon the quality of the blood.

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Mrs. George Morgan, of No. 115 Twenty-third Street, Detroit, Mich., says:

"I suffered with general debility for over a year after gradually declining in health from overwork. I had but little blood, no strength or appetite, and was weak and thin. My ambition was gone, I was tired all the time, and could not do any work. I was sent on a visit to relatives, with the hope that a change would benefit me, but after several weeks I had not improved.

At the close of this time I was taking the doctor's medicine without benefit, and was getting discouraged. My aunt urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They gave me a better appetite. I gained in flesh and strength, and took the pills until cured. Since then I have been strong, robust and happy."

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Winn will be at home at Pleasant Grove, Va., where they will reside with Mrs. H. C. Love, Mr. Winn's sister.

**Launch Party.**

On Saturday afternoon, Dr. William J. Coward gave the dental graduating class of the University College and the Medical College of Virginia, leaving the city wharf at 3 o'clock.

The day was ideal and the party enjoyed the trip on the water down to Dutch Gap and back. Refreshments were served.

**In and Out of Town.**

Miss Allie Jennings, Ernest Mead and William Zimmer, of Petersburg, spent the week end at Chester, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elchberger.

Mrs. Ada Wissler, of Mount Jackson, Va., has been a recent guest of Mrs. J. P. Neff, on Park Avenue.

Miss Bessie Thielman has returned to her home in Newport News, after several weeks with relatives in Richmond and Petersburg.

Mrs. James F. Lewis and infant son, of New York, are visiting Mrs. Lewis's father, R. Seldon Elyson, at his home, 1614 West Grace Street. Mrs. Lewis will be remembered as Miss Page Elyson, of this city.

Miss Mary Dow Spencer, of 322 East Franklin Street, is entertaining Miss Grace Bolding, of Baltimore, who is a charming young girl and has made a number of friends since her stay here.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Astrop, of Surry county, have been spending a few days in the city. Dr. Astrop attending the banquet last night at the Jefferson Hotel. Their son, Robert Astrop, of Randolph-Macon College, spent yesterday here with them. Later Mrs. Astrop will go on to visit her sister, Mrs. C. B. Wood, at her home at Fork Union.

Miss Virginia Hargrave is visiting friends in Newport News.

Miss Annie Macon Potts leaves Ashland this week for Charlottesville and Buena Vista, Va.

Mrs. John B. O'Connell and little Miss Helen Henderson, of Staunton, are in the city.

Mrs. John W. Todd, of Staunton, is here on a visit to Mrs. Clarence Seaton and other relatives.

Miss Gilliam returned to Richmond last week, after being the guest of Miss Ethel Lawless, in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winn, Miss Winn and Miss Marion Passmore, of Lunenburg, are at Murphy's.

C. S. Barnes, of Pleasant Grove, and C. C. Hurt, of Alta Vista, are visiting friends in the city.

Miss Lettice Clarke, of Mobile, Ala., is the guest of Miss Cora Younger, 2008 Monument Avenue.

Dr. George A. Wright, of Broadford, near Saltville, Va., is in the city.

Miss Ella M. Garnett, formerly of Richmond, now of Washington, is spending a week with Mrs. Clara Gill, at 708 West Grace Street.

Misses Sallie and Mamie Greenough, of Richmond, are guests of Mrs. Richard Mollwaine, in Raleigh Avenue, Norfolk.

Miss Zoe Bell, of Washington, D. C., arrived yesterday to visit Mrs. Louis Powell, in Forest Hill.

Miss Courtney Crump, who has been entertained in Norfolk, left yesterday for Suffolk, where she will be the house guest of Mrs. Robert W. Withers.

Miss Amy Freeman recently gave a beautiful luncheon at her home, Miss Crump being the honor guest. While in Norfolk Miss Crump was the guest of Miss Lida Martin.

An arrangement of interest to Virginia friends of the prospective groom, that of Miss Elizabeth May Oliver,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garret G. Oliver, of Albany, N. Y., and Frank Whitlow Walsh, of Norfolk.

Dr. Russell Cecil is spending the week in Blacksburg, while there he will be the guest of Professor and Mrs. S. R. Pritchard.

Mrs. John Cook, of near Elliston, Va., is at the Memorial Hospital.

Dr. J. Moll Brooker, of Charlottesville, formerly of this city, now of Salisbury, Ga., who have been guests of Mrs. William Boyd, in Roanoke, have returned to Richmond.

Mrs. John Cook, of near Elliston, Va., is at the Memorial Hospital.

Thomas Leath and his sister, Miss Nora Leath, who this city, have taken a cottage at Virginia Beach for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Ainsop and Robert K. Ainsop leave to-day for a week's stay near Hampton, Va.

Friends of Earle R. B. Crawford, formerly of this city, now of Salt Lake City, Utah, will regret to learn of the illness of his mother for the past two months.

Miss Lois Conrad, of Danville, is the guest of friends here.

Miss Bessie Ingalls, of this city, is in Roanoke, spending some time with Miss Mary Darnall.

**Invitations Issued.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEESBURG, VA., May 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Yvon Pike, of Elvon, near Leesburg, are giving invitations to the wedding reception of their daughter, Miss Ethel Denver Pike, and Dr. Spencer P. Bass, a physician of Tarboro, N. C., on the evening of Wednesday, June 2, at Elvon, in the suburbs of Leesburg. The marriage will be witnessed by only the immediate families. The engagement of Miss Pike and Dr. Bass was announced last fall. Miss Pike is a granddaughter of the late General Albert Pike, of Washington, D. C.

**Will Entertain Mrs. Taft.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALPHIGH, N. C., May 17.—Announcement was made to-day from the office of Governor E. H. Ruffin, that Mrs. Taft will be hostess for a reception in honor of Mrs. William H. Taft in the Raleigh Hotel, Charlotte, at 2 o'clock, May 20, when Mrs. Taft will be there with the President for the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration.

**Falls from Foreb.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., May 17.—Arthur D. Haynes, who lives in the hotel at Lafayette Annex, near the Fair Grounds, fell from the third story porch of that building Saturday night after 12 o'clock, while walking in his sleep, and was badly hurt. He lay on the ground until 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when he was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. He is badly injured and it was thought that his hip was broken.

**Neighbors Will French.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 17.—Dr. J. S. Neighbors, pastor of a Methodist church, South Main Street, Baltimore, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Randolph-Macon Woman's College here on Saturday, June 5. Dr. Neighbors, of Washington, will make the commencement address before the graduating class at 11 o'clock on the morning of June 8. The class of '08 has nearly forty young women in it.

**Slashes Throat in Effort to Die.**

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WINCHESTER, VA., May 17.—Dependent because of recent sickness, Mrs. Harriet Clem Willey, wife of J. S. Willey, a prominent merchant of Berryville, Clarke county, attempted suicide Sunday at the home of her father-in-law, John W. Willey, at Middleburg, this county, by placing her throat from ear to ear with a sharp kitchen knife. Nothing but the prompt attention of Dr. Z. L. Weaver prevented her from bleeding to death. She was found by her father-in-law, and fought him off with the knife until overcome by his blows. She was taken to-night that she had a chance to recover.

Mrs. Willey is twenty-four years old, a daughter of John Russell, of Berryville, and is noted for her great beauty. She and her husband were visiting at the latter's old home at the time.

**OLD MONEY FOUND.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., May 17.—While working on the farm of the late Samuel Davidson, at Unger's Store, Winchester, Va., to-day they found a wooden box containing \$100 in gold and banknotes, which it is supposed had been placed between the weatherboarding and lining by Davidson upon his return from the California gold fields, years before the Civil War, and the place is now being ransacked by its present owner, William Shade, who believes he will find more treasure.

Davidson was eccentric and absent-minded, and although supposed to be rich, very little cash was found when he died.

Some years ago he drove to Martinsburg, Va., and walked back home, forgetting his team, and shortly before he died he left his cash in which was \$100, having on a fence three miles from home, and never found it.

**"Hassidism" Destroyed.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 17.—The home of Moses Mangle and Lucy Buckner, "Hassidim," near this city, in Spotsylvania county, was burned to-day. Most of the furniture was saved.

**To Attend Council Fire.**

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NORFOLK, VA., May 17.—The Red Men of Norfolk and Portsmouth are planning to attend the annual general assembly of the Grand Council of the Red Men in Roanoke on May 19. There are eleven Red Men tribes in this section, and in addition to the regular delegates and grand officers residing here, each tribe will probably send a large delegation of past sachems.

**Going into Dry Dock.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—The gunboat Hiet, which is now doing survey duty in Cuban waters, will proceed to Charleston, S. C., early in June in order to grant her men liberty and go in dry dock for an overhauling.

**Nominations Confirmed.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—The Senate today confirmed nominations as follows: Oscar S. Straus, of New York, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, to be ambassador to Turkey; William W. Rockwell, of the District of Columbia, former minister to China, to be ambassador to Russia.

**Caught in Machinery.**

BLUM RIDGE, GA., May 17.—Night Watchman Walter Mason was killed yesterday morning when he was caught in the machinery of the Union Tannery Company's aquaplane.

## CONFERENCE IS NOW IN SESSION

Those Interested in Charities and Correction Meet in Lynchburg.

**GREAT PROGRESS MADE**

Results Have Been Accomplished Since Formation of State Board.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., May 17.—The seventh annual meeting of the Virginia Conference of Charities and Correction convened at the Y. M. C. A. here to-night with a small attendance from outside the city. The delegates and visitors will be more numerous to-morrow and Wednesday. A message to-night brought information that Dr. William P. Sprattling, of Baltimore, who was to have made an address on the "True Epileptic Colony," could not be present.

The convention was welcomed to the city by N. C. Manson, Jr., and the annual address of President Samuel P. Waddill, of Richmond, was followed closely. He declared that the vagrancy laws of the State should be enforced in every city and county. The report showed that the almshouses and penal institutions have greatly improved the formation of the State Board of Charities, but he expressed the belief that provision should be made for State or district almshouses instead of by the counties and cities, to increase the efficiency of these institutions with less cost to the people.

The addresses of the evening were: "The Insane and the Epileptic," by Dr. William F. Lawrey, of Petersburg; "The Insane," by Dr. A. C. Priddy, of Charlottesville; and "The Epileptic," by Dr. J. S. De Jarnette, of Staunton.

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**Change in Program.**

It was announced this afternoon that a portion of the program arranged for Wednesday morning would take place during the morning session of Tuesday to-morrow.

This change will mean that the report of the committee on public health and sanitation will be made Tuesday morning by Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Commissioner of Health, who is the chairman of that committee.

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## ORDER SUNSHINE BY THE CARLOAD

Weather Chief Told What He Is Expected to Do for Petersburg.

**NO FLAREBACKS ALLOWED**

Pretty Day All That Is Needed to Make Taft's Coming a Success.

(Times-Dispatch Bureau.)

109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., May 17.

"Ship cargo of sunshine, balmy and clear weather for May 19, C. O. D. No flarebacks, under dire penalty. Save rain for local option election day. Petersburg."

Willis Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau in Washington, to-day received the above telegram from the city of Petersburg. This is all the city now needs to make the festivities in honor of President and Mrs. Taft an unqualified success, and Petersburg is hoping the custodian of the weather can "see his way clear" to make the shipment. The latter part of the telegram indicates that there are those in Petersburg who wish the city "wet" on May 21, when the white-ribboners ask for "showdown" at the polls.

With a view of protecting the thousands of visitors expected here Wednesday from the enterprising deftness of the wily light-fingered gentry, Chief of Police Haglund has summoned a large force of Pinkerton detectives to assist in patrolling the city on that day. The "Pinks" will be stationed at the three depots, wharves and at Fort Mahone, and give their undivided attention to those given to taking long chances and other persons' goods. There will be no numerous harvest for the festive robbers.

Sheriff Boushka, of Prince George county, where the Appomattox monument is to be unveiled in the presence of the President, Mrs. Taft, Governor Stuart, Governor Swanson and many other notables, purposes driving Adams into the underbrush weeping and envious on Wednesday morning, when he will be in the city to see the erected monument, with 125 "handsome men," all mounted on their blooded chargers.

Volunteers from far and near are beginning to troop into Petersburg, and by Wednesday noon it is expected there will be more persons here than since the evacuation by General Lee, and incoming of General Grant's thousands of warriors in April, '65.

Sixteen officers of the Army War College, who left Washington on May 3 to study the battlefields along the Appomattox, arrived here to-morrow, and will be in the city to-morrow, and will be in the city to-morrow, and will be in the city to-morrow.

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